

# Surest Approach Is 'Come and See'

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Text: John 1:43-51

I imagine that everyone would agree that evangelism is one of the most important things the church can do. But equally, I would suppose that most people believe that it's somebody else's responsibility.

Witnessing is the lifeline of the church. Witnessing is the chief business of the church. Jesus said to His disciples: "You shall receive power . . . and you shall be witnesses unto Me." For many persons this is a very difficult thing to do. It really isn't easy for anyone, because the power for witnessing is not our own. It always has to come from God. And it can come only if our hearts and our lives are open to God.

SO THAT YOU and I can see how simple witnessing can be and how easy it really is, we'll use the Gospel Lesson which deals with Philip and Nathanael. It is interesting that Jesus wanted Philip. He looked for him; He found him; and He gave him the simple command: "Follow Me!" Not just, "Follow Me today," but the words He used indicated that Philip was to

follow Him continuously. He was to give his life over to Jesus.

Once Philip has had this experience he immediately goes to find a friend of his, Nathanael, and tells him of the exciting experience that happened to him that day. Now Nathanael is a cautious fellow. He's the kind who won't rush into anything. And besides he knows Nazareth. It's a dirty little town, not too far removed from his own dirty little town. So he says, "What good could possibly come out of Nazareth?" Philip's only argument was, "Come and see!"

That's all he needed to say. But those three words were the most important things that he could have said. "Come and See!" In fact, "come and see" is witnessing at its simplest. Many persons believe that to be effective witnesses they have to have read all the latest books on theology, or they've got to take special courses. Yet the simplest and most effective witness that can be made by any person is to just talk about Jesus and what He means to you.

"COME AND SEE Jesus." Now that's not a very learned argument and it is not a very difficult one to give. In fact we know that nobody has ever yet been argued into Christian faith. All you can do is to share the faith that you have.

Some of you have heard his story of the famous preacher in America who had an agnostic who came regularly to hear him preach. But he could never bring him to a faith in Jesus Christ. So he decided he would

## Robert Gray Is Organist At Church

Robert Gray has begun his duties as organist at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2706 W. 182nd St., thus completing the music staff in that congregation. Gray has a background in piano and organ and is presently a sophomore attending Long Beach State on a music scholarship, majoring in voice-organ. Gray has played for Lutheran Churches in the area for four years. He is 19 years of age and resides with his parents in Gardena.

have a series of sermons and he would preach the series of sermons specifically aimed and geared at this man. When he was almost through the series the agnostic came into his office one day and told him he had come to faith in Jesus Christ.

The preacher asked: "Which sermon was it?" And the man said, "It wasn't any of your sermons. You know that little old lady who comes to church every Sunday. She was walking down the steps and she stumbled. I grabbed hold of her and kept her from falling. With real simple and child-like faith she turned around, smiled at me and thanked me. And then she said, 'Do you know Jesus? He means everything to me.'" The man said: "I've still got lots of questions, but I now know Jesus."

NOW THIS IS witnessing at its best — not only because it comes from personal experience but it is kind of witnessing to which people can respond. No, 'ice Nathanael. The first thing he wanted to do was to raise up a big barrage of arguments as to why he wouldn't be interested in coming to listen to a man who came from Nazareth, even though Philip had said to him: "We've found a Messiah." "Can anything good come out of the Nazareth?" That is a lot like the skeptic of today: "Can anything good come out of the church? Can anything good come out of studying the Bible or worshipping or going to Holy Communion?"

"No arguments," Philip says. No arguments, just come and see.

What if someone came to you today and said: "Will you tell me what Jesus means to you? Will you share with me in the simplest way that you can the meaning of your faith?" What could you tell him? What would you say? Witnessing is every believer's business or it is no believer's business. Telling about Jesus is everybody's joy and privilege and responsibility or it is nobody's joy and privilege and responsibility. There isn't a one of us who can't share what Jesus means and there isn't a one of us who can't say to someone "Come and see! Not my church. Not the other people there — but Jesus. Come and see!"



REV. WALTER LANG

## Rev. Lang To Speak At Church

Rev. Walter Lang, executive director of the Bible-Science Association, will lecture Wednesday, at Ascension Lutheran Church, 17910 S. Prairie Ave.

Rev. Lang will talk to the Christian Day School children at 2 p.m. At 8 p.m., following the evening Lenten service, he will present a lecture.

The lectures will present the superior value of the creation approach both in science and in religion. Color slides will be used to augment both talks.

Rev. Lang, a 1937 graduate of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, is also editor of the Bible-Science Newsletter, a monthly publication dedicated to Christ-Centered Scientific Research.

## Pathfinders' Kite Contest Is Sunday

Pathfinders from the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will converge on Zuma Beach Sunday. This will be their annual "Kite Contest."

Busy building kites under the direction of Pathfinder leaders John Dillon and Bobbie Robertson, are: Rosalie Robertson, Donna Stark, Ruth Robertson, Laurie Thomas, Dean Robertson, Donald Thomas, Leonard Ybarra, Dan Perrin and Joe Perrin from the Torrance church.

Prizes will be awarded for the largest, smallest, and most unusual kites that fly and are handmade.

## Gospel Song Production Scheduled

On Saturday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m., Gospel Concerts will stage its final concert of the season at the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium.

The program will feature Jake Hess and the Music City Singers (presenting the exciting "Nashville Sound"), the Coulters from Harrisburg, Pa., the Imperials from Nashville (who have just recently appeared on such network television programs as "The Mike Douglas Show," "The Joey Bishop Show," and "The Merv Griffin Show"), the Florida Boys from Pensacola, Fla., the Galileans from Dallas, Tex., and popular teenage song stylist, Steve Sanders from Florida.

Steve was featured on Broadway in the lead role of "The Yearling," in the movie, "Hurry Sundown," as well as appearing on network television with such personalities as Ed Sullivan, Danny Kaye, Danny Thomas and in "Gunsmoke."

Participants may begin the tour at any home, and tickets will be available at any door on the day of the tour. Tickets may also be purchased ahead of time by calling Mrs. Howard Macklis. Hostesses will be available at each home to explain things, and tour participants will also receive brochures with information on the significance of what they have seen.

## Teacher Honored For Brotherhood

Robert Brigham, Mira Costa High School social studies teacher, has received the Brotherhood Award for his contributions to furthering good relations among races, religions, and nationalities.

The award was presented by the Reverend Hans Holborn, pastor of the Riviera United Methodist Church and president of the Greater Peninsula Council of Churches before a group attending the Interfaith Dialogue meetings at Manhattan Beach Community Church.

In presenting the plaque, Holborn said Brigham was chosen because of his active interest in the fair housing situation in the South Bay area. Brigham became interested in the problems



DR. CLARENCE BASS

## Baptists To Host Confab

The Pacific View Baptist Church, 1610 Acacia Ave., will host its third annual Missionary Conference March 2-9 in cooperation with nearly 45 Conference Baptist Churches in the South-West Baptist Conference.

Featured during this week of strategic missionary emphasis will be six guest speakers, each representing a specific field of interest and endeavor in fulfilling the commission of Christ.

Rev. Richard Varberg, Philippines, will speak at the Bible School hour at 9:55 a.m. this Sunday and will bring the message for the 10:30 a.m. worship hour as well.

Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m., Miss Lois Howat, missionary nurse in Ethiopia will speak to the women at Mrs. Harold Lung's home, 30738 Via Rivera, P.V.P.

A men's breakfast with Rev. Long will be held at 6 a.m. on Friday.

The women of the church will have a coffee hour on Friday morning at 10 a.m. with Miss Lornadele Nelson, missionary nurse from the field of Assam, India.

The Missionary Conference concludes on Sunday, March 9, with Rev. Fred Prinzing, Church Extension director for the Southwest Baptist Conference speaking at 9:15 and 10:30 a.m. hours.

Dr. Clarence Bass, professor, Bethel Theological Seminary, concludes the conference by speaking to the youth at 5 p.m. and bringing the 7 p.m.

## Jewish Series Of Lectures Set

The Saga of Los Angeles Jewry will be the topic of a lecture by Dr. Max Varspan Sunday, March 9, 8 p.m. at Temple Menorah.

The presentation is part of an adult education series presented by Temple Menorah and Congregation Ner Tamid in cooperation with the University of Judaism. Cost is \$2 per lecture.

confronting the area while doing his master's thesis, which was on the history of a park in Manhattan Beach.

The Interfaith Committee is composed of interested citizens and clergymen in the South Bay and functions to create better understanding between various churches and people of the area.

## Rev. Fagal Will Visit Hawthorne

A minister with a far-flung "congregation" which is nearing 10 million members will be guest speaker Saturday at the Hawthorne Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3939 W. Compton Blvd., Hawthorne.

He is William A. Fagal of New York City, pastor of the international religious telecast, Faith for Today, which can be seen each week on more than 280 stations in the United States, Australia, Bermuda, Brazil, Canada, Guam, Nigeria, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico. Pastor Fagal will deliver the 11 a.m. sermon at the Hawthorne Church.

## Adventists Will Fete Visitors

"Sunday school isn't just for children," declares Alfred Gordon, superintendent of the Seventh-day Adventists' Sunday school — only for Adventists it's Sabbath school.

"Adults who drive their children to the Sunday school and pick them up afterward but never go inside themselves are hurting two people," the superintendent says. "Themselves and their children."

Gordon explains that children do what their elders do. "If they see their parents don't think Sunday school is worth going to, they feel pretty much the same about it, and the feeling spills over into religion in general. Maybe that's one reason we have such confusion in the world today."

Saturday, March 8, will be Visitors' Day at the Sabbath school services of the church at 1610 Acacia Ave. The opening hour will be 9:30 a.m.

## Bible Talk To Center On Jesus

"Christ Jesus" is the subject of the Bible Lesson-Sermon to be heard at Christian Science churches this Sunday. The Golden Text is from Ephesians: "Ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone."

At First Church of Christ, Scientist, 218th Street and Manuel Avenue, the service will begin at 11 a.m.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

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<b>FIRST METHODIST CHURCH</b> Torrance Carson and El Prado Phone FA 8-3242 Rev. Arthur Nagel, Pastor Res. Phone FA 8-6231 SUNDAYS: Two Worship Services 9:30 and 11 A.M. Two Complete Church Schools 9:30 and 11 A.M. All ages—nursery thru adults Fellowship Meeting 6:30 P.M.	<b>ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 1900 Prospect Ave. Redondo Beach Monsignor Daniel P. Collins Mass 7, 8, 9, 10, 11:15, 12:15 Phone 378-9229
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<b>SOUTH BAY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 4555 Sharynne Lane Torrance, Calif. Phone 325-3433 Sunday School ..... 9:30 A.M. Church Services at 10:30 A.M. Junior and Primary Church 10:30 A.M. Baptist Training Union ..... 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship ..... 7:00 P.M. Wednesday Prayer Service ..... 7:00 P.M. Nursery and toddler care—All Services. Bus transportation service.	<b>CENTRAL EVANGELICAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Marcelina & Arlington Rev. Walter M. Stanton FA 8-3010 9:30—Sunday School 11:00—Morning Worship 6:30—Youth Fellowship Midweek Worship Service 7:30 Wednesday Evening
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<b>ST. CATHERINE LABOURE CHURCH</b> 3846 Redondo Beach Blvd. Torrance Phone Davis 3-5900 Sunday/Masses, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 1:15 A.M. Weekday Masses: 6:30 A.M. and 8:15 A.M. Confessions Saturday 4:00 to 5:30, 7:30 to 9:00	<b>PACIFIC VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Member Baptist General Conference Temporarily located in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Sonoma St. at Acacia Ave., Torrance, Calif. Tel. 324-4115. Times of Worship: Sunday School ..... 9:30 A.M. Sunday Morning ..... 10:30-11:30 A.M. Sunday Eve. Service 7:00 P.M. Thursday Prayer Fellowship ..... 7:30 P.M. —Nursery Available at All Services—
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<b>ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> 1432 Engracia—FA 8-3781 Rev. Hugh R. Percy R.A. R.D. Rector 7:30 A.M. Holy Communion 2:15 A.M. Family Worship Service 10:30 A.M. Church School and Coffee Hour 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship (Choral Eucharist on 1st and 3rd Sundays) (Child care and Nursery provided at 9:15 and 11 A.M. services) Weekdays Holy Communion at 11 A.M. Thursdays and 6:30 A.M. on All Saint's Days.	<b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GARDENA</b> 1807 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. Phone DA 4-1064 Rev. John Boiler, Minister 1492 W. 15th St. Gardena DA 3-1215 Worship Service ..... 11:00 A.M. (Nursery Care Provided) Sunday Church School Classes ..... 9:30 A.M. Senior III Fellowship and Junior High Fellowship Sundays at 7:00 P.M. Presbyterian Pre-school, Week Day Mornings 329-4030
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<b>FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 1725 Flower Street Phone 320-4181 William J. Reider, Pastor 12:15 and 5 P.M. Steven A. Myers, Assoc. Pastor Worship Services 8:00 A.M., 9:15 A.M., 10:45 A.M. Sunday School 9:15 and 10:45 A.M. Nursery services for 9:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. Holy Communion—First Sunday Luther League—2nd and 4th Sundays Christian Elementary School— Kindergarten thru 8th Grade	<b>NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 1447 Engracia Ave., Torrance Phone FA 8-2778 Rev. John P. Cremins, Pastor MASS SCHEDULE Sundays: 8, 9, 10, 11:15, 12:15 and 5 P.M. St. Joseph's at 9:30 A.M. SATURDAY CONFESSIONS 10:30 to 11:30 A.M.; 3:30 to 6:30, 7:30 to 9 P.M. St. Joseph's at 7:15 P.M. BAPTISMS Every Sunday at 1:45 P.M.
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## Sisterhood Will Present Tour of Jewish Homes

"Bruchim Haba'im" (Blessed are you who enter).

With this traditional greeting guests will be welcomed as the doors of five lovely Palos Verdes homes swing open to welcome the entire South Bay community to "A Living Jewish Experience" home tour.

The tour will take place Monday, March 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Planned as a spiritual and educational event by the Sisterhood of Congregation Ner Tamid of South Bay, the tour will present and explain many of the most significant aspects of Judaism in their most natural and appropriate setting: the home.

The residence of Dr. and Mrs. Howard J. Berk, 37 Empty Saddle Lane, Rolling Hills Estates, will be the "Home of the

Covenant." The "Covenant" refers to the ever-present reminder of the Jews relationship to God. Different rooms will represent religious milestones in the life of a Jew, beginning with the "Brit Milah" or ritual circumcision of a baby boy eight days after his birth.

The most significant holiday of Judaism is not, as one might think, the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rather, it is Shabbat, the weekly Sabbath which extends from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. Shabbat, the only holy day which is included as one of the Ten Commandments, will be depicted at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Bernard Wechsberg, 28503 Trailriders Drive, Palos Verdes Peninsula.

An exciting job of collecting has been done by Mrs. Jack Malek, chairman for the "Home of Art and Music." Priceless art objects of all types have been loaned by galleries and private collectors to grace the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Esenstein, 14 Caballeros Road, Rolling Hills.

In the back yard of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Colin, 5353 Middlecrest Road, Palos Verdes Peninsula, tour participants will enter a "Sukkah," a temporary outdoor home in which Jews live for seven days during the fall harvest season, commemorating the 40 years of wandering in the desert after the exodus from Egypt.

"Pesach" or Passover commemorates the deliverance from Egyptian bondage, and its message proclaims that every human being has a right to freedom. The eight days of Passover begin with a ritual meal called the "Seder," the Hebrew word for "order." Such a ritual meal will be displayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Feiner, 30507 Rhone Drive, Palos Verdes Peninsula.

## World Day of Prayer Rites Planned by Church Women

Two young ladies from the congregation will provide special music. The organist will be 11th grader, Aquila Quiaoit, and soloist, eighth grader, Patty Quimby.

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